FOTO 388 Photography in China
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Course Objectives: By the end of the class, students will be able to analyze, interpret, and create documentary photographs. Through these processes, students will be able to apply their new understanding of photography to the roles that it performs in our evaluations of China.

Materials Fee: Each student pays a Materials Fee of $ 25.00 for ink & paper. Bring your check on Thursday. Make your check to Rice University. Include your student id # on the check.

Absence Policies: Class attendance is required.
Five Monday evening lectures are required. One Wednesday evening film is required. Two Saturday field trips are required.
In addition to the scheduled class times, digital lab time will be scheduled for technical instruction, computer access, and printing.
Each unexcused absence will be penalized by the lowering of final grades by one-third of a letter grade. Communication before absences is preferred and may ameliorate penalties.

Grade Policies:	Class attendance: contributions, participation & engagement	10%
	Blog: consistent, complete, thorough, detailed, enthusiastic, probing	15%
	Assignments: completed timely, imaginatively, technically, carefully	15%
	Oral/Visual Presentations: well-researched, analytical, articulated	20%
	Portfolio of prints: technically proficient, clean, coherent, imaginative	20%
	Book complete, timely, coherent, organized	20%

Assignments: Assignments will be explained in the Assignments folder in OWL-space.

Projects: Questioning the Documentary Form in written, visual, and oral formats
Houston Documentation Project in electronic, oral, and print formats
China Documentation Project in electronic, print, exhibition, and book formats

Rice Honor Code

In this course, all students will be held to the standards of the Rice Honor Code, a code that you pledged to honor when you matriculated at this institution. If you are unfamiliar with the details of this code and how it is administered, you should consult the Honor System Handbook at http://honor.rice.edu/honor-system-handbook/. This handbook outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of your academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process.

Disability Support Services

If you have a documented disability or other condition that may affect academic performance you should: 1) make sure this documentation is on file with Disability Support Services (Allen Center, Room 111 / adarice@rice.edu / x5841) to determine the accommodations you need; and 2) talk with me to discuss your accommodation needs.

Syllabus Change Policy

This syllabus is only a guide for the course and is subject to change.